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Suppose It Were Your Kid

Suppose it were your kid—your girl or boy—happy, protected, cherished—with dreams of growing up to become a movie star or pilot.

What could happen to her—or to him, laughing and playing in the sun under your watchful eyes? The chances are nothing.

But to thousands of such carefree, loved, protected youngsters some DID happen last year. Dreaded, sneak-attacking polio struck at them. Childish laughter was stifled. There were days of pain—of excruciating anxiety—for some, a prospect of lifelong handicap. Suppose one of them had been your boy or girl.

January is March of Dimes month and during this time all of us have a chance to aid as if our own children were among the unfortunate. We can strike back at this cruel disease by contributing generously to the March of Dimes to help them.

The job of getting them back on their feet—in a literal sense—cannot continue unless you and I and all the rest of us put up more dollars and dimes than ever before. There have been 132,000 cases in four years, triple what used to be a "normal" number.

When you see the smiling-faced lad on the March of Dimes posters or in the newspapers, think of the good that can be accomplished for him and others like him through the March of Dimes.

Suppose there were no March of Dimes, suppose it were your kid and no help at hand. . . .

Fortunately, there is a March of Dimes. You created it and you can give it the extra backing it needs this year because there are so many kids—and adults too—dependent up-on it.

DRAFTS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

(Winchester Evening Star)

As Americans waited for Senator Lodge's announcement on Sunday about the availability of General Eisenhower for a presidential nomination, they could reflect that very few presidential candidates have ever been drafted.

In a way, it depends on what is meant by "draft." It could mean being chosen against your will. Or it could mean being chosen, not against your will, but without any effort to be nomination. In the first sense of the word, only three major-party candidates, Washington, Horatio Seymour, and Garfield were really drafted.

Washington, weary from years of military leadership against heavy odds and anxious to repair the fortunes of his estate at Mt. Vernon, accepted the presidency only from a reluctant conviction that no one else could so well guide the new nation in its first years. He would have declined a second election if at the time the foreign relations of the Government had been in less precarious condition.

As for former Governer Seymour of New York, in 1868 he was chairman of the Democratic national convention. He favored the nomination of either Chief Justice Chase or Sen. Hendricks of Indiana.

The convention was deadlocked for 21 ballots, on the 22nd stampeded to Seymour. He tried to head off the first votes for him by saying that he was not a candidate, but was elected unanimously after having been escorted from the chair out of the convention hall. He seems to have planned to ask the convention the next day to reconsider, but the convention ended its labor on the day it chose Seymour. He said afterwards that his acceptance of the nomination was the greatest mistake of his life, although he put up a surprisingly strong campaign against Grant, the Republican nominee.

As for Garfield, at the Republican national convention of 1880 he was the floor manager for Secretary of the Treasurer John Sherman. When Sherman's candidacy proved hopeless and the convention deadlocked between the two leading candidates, former President Grant and Sen. James G. Blaine, the delegates stampeded to Garfield on the 36th ballot. All the evidence shows that he had worked hard and conscientiously to have the convention choose Sherman. Indeed, when 17 votes were cast for him on the 34th ballot, he had tried to have them rejected on the ground that he had not authorized them.

Among minor candidates, the later nominations of Norman Thomas by the Socialists were really forced on him against his own inclinations. In 1917, former President Roosevelt respected the nomination of the Progressive party, for which he had run in 1912.

As for a nomination received without any effort to get it, the case of Charles Evans Hughes in 1916 is outstanding. As associate justice of the Supreme Court, Hughes had refused to make any statement on whether he would accept the nomination. Of course the Republican convention wouldn't have given it to him unless convinced that he would accept. He was chosen on the third ballot, after having led on the first.

In 1904 Chief Justice Alton B. Parker of the New York Court of Appeals had indicated that he would accept the Democratic nomination. However, as a jurist he refused to make pronouncements on the issues of the day, even when warned that this silence might cost him the nomination. When the money question was ignored in the platform, he informed the convention that he stood for the gold standard, and that if this stand was unacceptable to the convention he would withdraw his name. He was chosen on the first ballot.

CAREER MAN

(The Christian Science Monitor)

There are artists in all walks of life. There are waiters who make a fine art of waiting, teachers who make a fine art of teaching, and janitors who make a fine art of janiting.

Recently a janitor in Pueblo, Colo., had a public school named after him. He has made his job his career, say school officials. Successive generations of students have found him always ready to take on—in addition to his duties as school janitor—the task of patching their quarrels, healing their wounds, umpiring their games, mending their bicycles, and a dozen other extracurricular activities.

Of this greatly beloved figure, who appears to combine the shrewd versatility of a Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court with the Ozarkian simplicity of a shepherd of the Hills, one school official says of him: "He feels proud of his work. He does it and then steps back to lok at it, as an artist would survey a master painting."

While we might be captious about the wording of this tribute, we would certainly applaud the official's perspicacity in recognizing that an artist is an artist, whether in smock or dungarees. We join in the salute to George Spann, janitor, and to one or two other janitors we have known who have not yet had school buildings named after them.

SCIENTIFIC NONESUCH

(Winchester Evening Star)

The idea of a gun that would shoot around a corner formerly was a joke or a pipe dream, but yesterday's pipe dreams are today's scientific accomplishments. There really is such a gun now. It has been developed at the Detroit arsenal, and it will fire 450 .34 caliber slugs a minute.

It is accurate, too, says Joseph C. Soma., project engineer at the arsenal—more accurate than a gun with a straight barrel.

The thing is being turned out as a curved barrel that fits the Army's standard submachine gun, the M-3. It takes less than a minute to attach. It should come in handy in Korea, where enemy soldiers climbing up on tanks have been hard to cope with.

A public accustomed to television and modern airplanes is no longer an impressed when a revolutionary new idea is perfected as a former generation was when electric lights or the automobile first made a faltering appearance. People now expect science to do the impossible.

Farm Topics

Aerial Crop-Control Is Booming Industry

25,000,000 Acres Were Treated in U.S. in '51

A midwest wheat tract was so overrun with weeds that the farmer was about to plow it under. He decided, however, to try treating it with 2,4-D and hired an aerial crop-control specialist to apply the chemical at a cost of $2 an acre. The result: at yield of 20 bushels of grain per acre.

Other instances: Aerial spraying of weed-killing chemicals enabled a southern cotton planter to cut hoeing costs from $14 to $6.50 an acre while a California citrus grower improved his lemon crop by spraying his orchards from the air.

Agricultural aviation is a booming new industry that is enabling the farmer to substantially increase

The above photograph shows aerial dusing of an orchard. This method of insect control is becoming more popular with farmers throughout the country.

crop acreage, I. J. Becnel, agricultural research director for the Freeport Sulphur Company, reports.

Becnel pointed out that more than 25,000,000 acres of U.S. crop, range and forest land were treated last year with chemicals sprayed or dusted by airplane.

Some 6,000 pilots are engaged in the aerial battle against insect pests, weeds and plant diseases. And they are doing the job faster, more efficiently and in many instances at lower cost than ground distribution of insecticides, fungicides and herbicides.

Store Unused Tractors Under Shelter in Winter

If you want to ruin your tractor in a hurry, just let it sit outdoors, exposed to the weather, this winter.

Farm machinery specialists say no amount of tough use will wear out your tractor as fast as leaving it out in the rain and snow.

Tractors are fairly expensive and may be hard to get. So, if you're not going to use your machine this winter, it will pay you well to find storage space for it in some building. Clean the machine thoroughly, especially the motor, and then store it in a dry protected place.

Block up the tractor to take the weight off the tires. Then drain the radiator, block, gas tank, fuel lines and carburetor. Put fresh oil in the crankcase and add a rust inhibitor.

Most important of all, remove the spark plugs and pour one-fourth cut of light oil or kerosene in each cylinder. Then turn the crank a few times to work the oil around the rings and pistons, and replace plugs. Cover the exhaust pipe and crankcase breather pipe with old rags to keep out dirt and moisture.

Rodent Proof

If wire mesh is applied to joining sections of a poultry house, it will help keep the building free of rodents. The mesh is applied at the floor and ceiling line as shown in the above illustration and should be well nailed.

Farmers Are Advised To Store Fertilizer

Farmers are still being advised to buy and store sufficient chemical fertilizer to meet their needs during the next 12 months. The supply is expected to be somewhat limited. Be sure it is stored in a dry place where there is little temperature variation, don't pile it any higher than five or six bags, and never pile it on the ground or even a concrete floor—the ideal storage place is an elevated wooden platform.

DMV Warns Motorists Who Have Moved

RICHMOND, Jan. 17—With the 1952 period of registration for Virginia motorists only sixty days away and the Division of Motor Vehicles preparing new applications, officials today urged all Virginia motorists who have changed their address since registering their vehicles last year to notify the Division, furnishing the following information: new address, title number, make and motor number, 1951 license number and name as shown on the old registration card. 1951 plates will be validated for 1952 with tabs and motorists must present their 1951 registration card in order to purchase the 1952 tabs.

Change of address blanks may be secured from the Division's 110 license agents throughout the State and seven branch offices located in some of the principal cities of the State.

If a Virginia motorist plans an extended trip out of the State during the registration period, March 15 to April 15, there are fifteen days of grace between March 31 and April 15, midnight, He should leave his correct forwarding address in order that he receive his registration cards and tabs promptly.

Failure to notify the Division of change of address and the other information listed above works a hardship on the licensee and may cause him considerable inconvience, especially if through failure to supply the correct address, he does not receive his application card promptly said DMV officials.

Game Body Studies Beaver

The Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries is seeking beaver management and trapping information from neighboring states with an eye to future beaver management in Virginia, Ned Thornton, assistant chief of the game division, just announced.

Beaver breeding stock was first introduced in Virginia in 1932 to supplement the few colonies previously found in Virginia and they have since spread rapidly in many locations so that a limited and controlled beaver trapping season may soon be in the offing in the Old Dominion. Chester F. Phelps, chief of the game division, has made a trip to West Virginia to consult with C. O. Handley, West Virginia's eminent wildlife authority, to learn more about the methods of management and beaver control in that sister state where beaver trapping has been legal for some time.

GAME CHARTS AVAILABLE

The Comission of Game and Inland Fisheries has just received 250 sets of wildlife charts suitable for use in schools, camps, clubs, etc. These are four-color process charts, 20x30 inches, covering Virginia summer birds, owls, and land mamals. They are being offered for sale at cost, $1.50 per set of four in a mailing tube, or .50 for individual charts.

Orders must be prepaid and sent to the Richmond office of the Game Commission. Checks should be made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia. No free copies have been authorized.

NEW AUTO SHOWN

Moses Motor Co. will hold open house all day Saturday to provide nearby residents an opportunity to view the new 1952 Chevrolet.

Charles T. Moses, local dealer, said the showing of the new models her will coincide with similar displays of the '52 Chevrolet throughout the country.

The local dealership staff will be in attendance to welcome visitors.

WEIGH IN NEW MAYOR . . . Following a custom which originated in High Wycombe, England, in 1066, the newly elected mayor of Minneapolis, Minn., Eric C. Hoyer, is weighed in before taking office. He will be weighed again when his term is up, and if it is found that he has grown fat, it will generally be believed that he has grown wealthy, thereby jeopardizing his chances for re-election. Actual weighing was done with scales flown in from High Wycombe.

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TRY *TIMES-VIRGINIAN* CLASSIFIED ADS

Rocks

It was real winter weather here last Sunday.

Jim Frank Ranson was selling tobacco in Farmville last Monday.

Mrs. D. R. Inge, Mrs. Toby Ince and Mrs. Cal Ranson attended the Associated W. M. U. Executive Board meeting at Liberty Church in Appomattox Monday morning.

Wiley Ranson was selling some hogs at the stock market in Farmville one day last week.

Mrs. C. S. Ranson called to see Mrs. Glenn S. Martin and infant daughter one afternoon recently.

Mrs. D. R. Inge called to see Mrs. Wilson Paulette of Appomattox one day last week.

E. M. Almond of Lynchburg was in the neighborhood a few days last week.

James Taylor left for Roanoke Thursday where he was called because of the death of his step-father.

Sanders Reach and Merrylin Harris spent a night recently at Pamplin with Cassie Baldwin and played ball at Naruna.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Baldwin and children of Ohio spent a few days here last week.

A family of Sheltons have moved in Aubrey Ranson's house.

Mrs. Walter Ranson has started back working at the garment factory at Appomatox.

Miss Joyce Harris also started working at the garment factory at Appomattox last Thursday.

Mrs. C. S. Ranson and girls were in Pamplin awhile Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson called to see Cassie Baldwin at Pamplin awhile Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roach of Evergreen spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

We hear our new pastor, Rev. David Bailey of Kentucky has arrived. We welcome him here for the preaching service this Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The quarterly business meeting will be held at the church this Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

The monthly W. M. S. meeting held just after Sunday School last Sunday. Also the Sunbeams G. A. and R. A.'s had their meetings.

Route One

Mrs. Will Chilton and daughters, Ansa, and Lois, were hostess to the Susan Haar Home Demonstration Club on Wednesday. Mrs. Chilton and Mrs. J. P. Rector gave the demonstration on "Better Breakfast." It was voted by the club to give a tenth of what money they had in the treasury to the March of Dimes.

Lenonard Love, the son of Mr. J. H. Love is home from Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Driscoll, Mrs. Charlie Night and Mr. Sam Driscoll of Lynchburg, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hudson on Monday.

D. B. Irby, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Irby, has enlisted in the Navy and left to take his training on Wednesday.

Roy Hudson, USN, was called home off his ship on Saturday to attend the funeral of a very dear friend, Dick McCormick.

Mr. Wert Woodson who has been very ill for some time, is better at this writing.

Hunting Was Good

The hunting season which came to a close January 5, except on squirrels, rabbits, turkeys and quail which will close January 20, was the most successful season experienced in Virginia in a number of years.

Probably more resident game birds and animals were shot than during any season in ten years, says the the state Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Vera

The hunting season is over. It was throughly enjoyed and no one got shot.

We are surely having lots of rain and cold weather. Farmers are getting their tobacco ready for market.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey of Richmond spent the week end in the home of T. C. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C Harvey visited in the home of Homer Reynolds Friday night.

Miss Alice Covington spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Sadie Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and daughter were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Webb Saturday night.

Mr. Frank Gilliam of Roanoke and Marguerete and Miss Gertie Ranson visited Mrs. Ida Morris Sunday.

We are sorry to hear that Dr. D. A. Christian is in the hospital. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Margie Harvey visited Patricia Alvis Friday night.

Spout Spring

Mrs. William Layne, Jr., is sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Franklin and Rev. Bruce Adkins motored to Natural Bridge last Tuesday.

Mrs. Ilene Authurs and son, and Mrs. Ida McCann visited Mrs. Clarence Franklin Monday afternoon.

Mr. H. D. Jennings called to see his mother, Mrs. Lena Jennings, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Franklin and son visited Mrs. Hardy Ferguson, Jr., last Tuesday.

Pamplin RFD 1

Mr. and Mrs. Deane Roberts of Farmville spent the week end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richardson.

Melvin Arrington left Sunday for Richmond where he has accepted a position with the Police force.

The W. S. C. S. met with Mrs.

Richwood

"If it is painful for you to criticize your friends, you're safe in doing it. But if you take the slightest pleasure in it, that's the time to hold your tongue."

Devine Services at Central Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Davis and son, Mr. and Mrs. Atwell Powell and son, Roy, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mamie Woolridge visited Mrs. D. A. Pugh Monday afternoon.

A. B. Hunter, Jr., and C. M. Rush were in Lynchburg on business Saturday.

D. A. Pugh was in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Annie Meadows on Wednesday night. Mrs. Wilson Baldwin was program leader, using the topic: "What Bring We To Our Savior?" After the program refreshments were served by the hostess.

Miss Ruth Arrington of Farmville spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Arrington.

The Board of Christian Service and Board of Stewards of Piney Ridge Church met at the church on Monday night to plan work of the church for the coming year.

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